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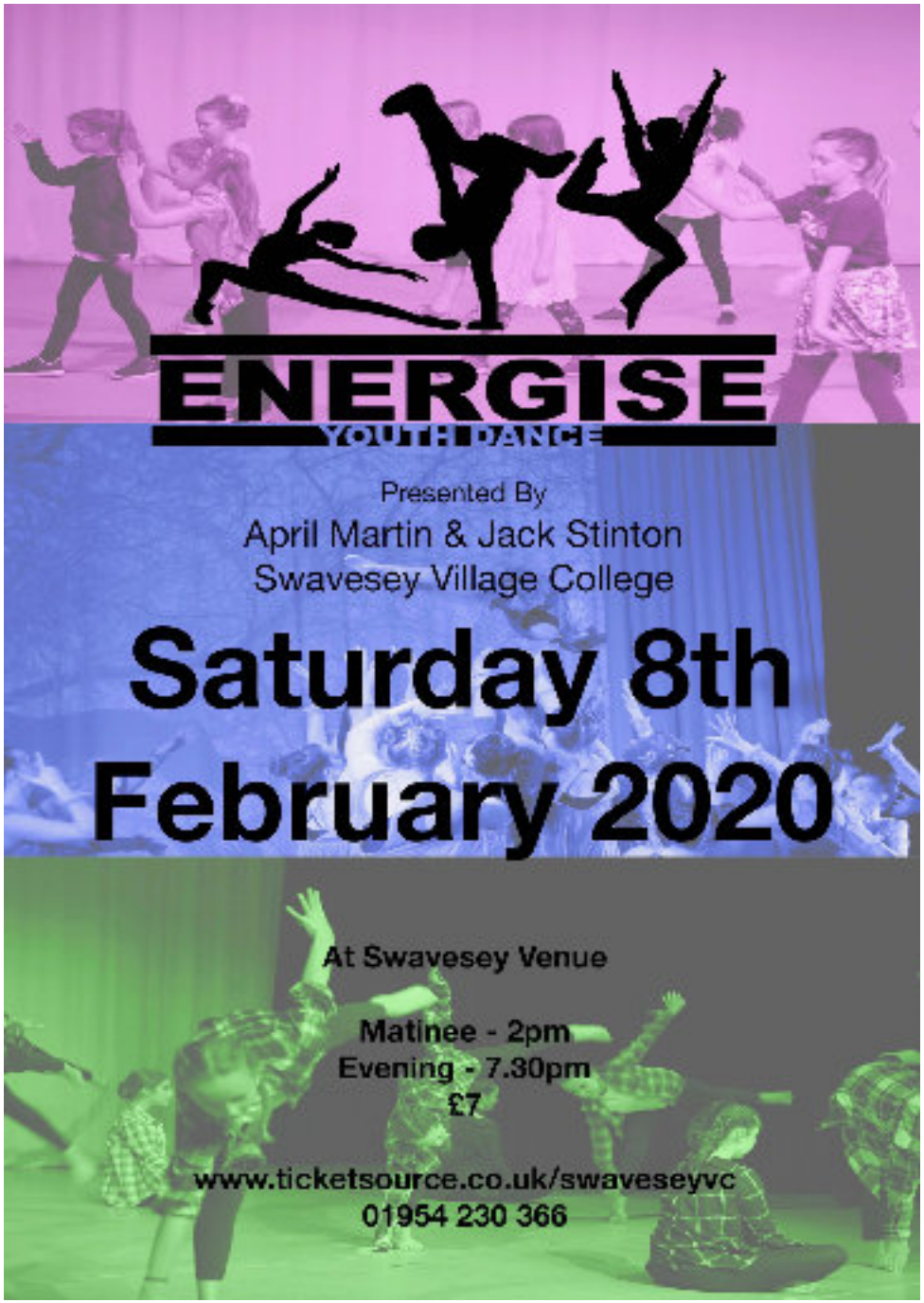

St Andrew's Church, Swavesey

Plough Sunday

January 12th 2020

7pm

An evening of music and comic drama to celebrate the end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of a New year.

Seasonal Refreshments

EDITORIAL

December already! and a new year is only a month away. Let us hope it brings a welcome end to all the roadworks! I wonder if it will?

One thing you can guarantee is your Meridian will continue to drop through your letterbox as usual- thanks to our team of deliverers- if you would like to help by being a " reserve" to cover for someone who is not available then get in touch. A good way to walk off those extra Xmas calories!

Our "Where I grew up" series is proving popular and very interesting keep those articles coming.

Check out the forthcoming events list, and also news of the 2020 Swavesey festival. It is earlier this time so do not get caught out! January sees the annual RADSOC pantomime and February the 12th Energise Dance Showcase both at Swavesey Village College. Ticket information for both of these is shown on the posters.

Deadline for the Feb/March issue is 20th Dec (yes I know just before Xmas sorry!)

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to you all from The Meridian team.

Editor

Cover Image - Holly Berries by Edwin Parish
Inside Front Cover - Come and Carol
Inside Back Cover - Carols on the Green
Back Cover - RADSOC Panto

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Saturday 14 December	Swavesey Community Choir	Come and Carol - 7.30pm at St Andrews Church
Saturday 21 December	Swavesey Churches	Swavesey Christmas Carols on The Green - 6.00-7.30pm - Living Nativity - Father Christmas - Brass Band
Sunday 12 January	St Andrews Church	Plough Sunday - 7pm at St Andrews Church - An evening of music and comic drama to celebrate the end of Christmas and the beginning of a New Year
Friday 17 January	RADSOC	Happy Ever After - Adventures in Pantoland. Info and tickets at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Saturday 18 January	RADSOC	Happy Ever After - Adventures in Pantoland. Info and tickets at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Sunday 19 January	RADSOC	Happy Ever After - Adventures in Pantoland. Info and tickets at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Saturday 8 February	April Martin Jack Stinton	Energise Youth Dance at Swavesey Village College (The Venue). Matinee 2pm - Evening 7.30pm. Tickets £7 from www.ticketsource.co.uk.swaveseyvc. or 01954 230 366

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December		
Sunday 1	St Andrews Church	Christingle Service
Thursday 5	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 11	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	CHRISTMAS SOCIAL. The usual mixture of food, wine and member's memorabilia
Thursday 12	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 14	Swavesey Community Choir	Come and Carol - 7.30pm at St Andrews Church
Monday 16	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
Thursday 19	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 21	Swavesey Churches	Swavesey Christmas Carols on The Green - 6.00-7.30pm - Living Nativity - Father Christmas - Brass Band
Saturday 28	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note: Saturday)
January		
Saturday 4	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only (Note: Saturday)
Wednesday 8	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	THE AMAZING FINDS ON THE A14 PROJECT. A Presentation By Dr Steve Sherlock Chief Archaeologist For The A14 Road Scheme-Cambridge
Friday 10	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note: Friday)
Sunday 12	St Andrews Church	Plough Sunday - 7pm at St Andrews Church - An evening of music and comic drama to celebrate the end of Christmas and the beginning of a New Year
Thursday 16	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 17	RADSOC	Happy Ever After - Adventures in Pantoland. Info and tickets at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Saturday 18	RADSOC	Happy Ever After - Adventures in Pantoland. Info and tickets at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Sunday 19	RADSOC	Happy Ever After - Adventures in Pantoland. Info and tickets at swaveseyradsoc.org.uk
Thursday 23	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 30	Refuse Collection	Blue Bin only
February		
Saturday 8	April Martin Jack Stinton	Energise Youth Dance at Swavesey Village College (The Venue). Matinee 2pm - Evening 7.30pm. Tickets £7 from www.ticketsource.co.uk.swaveseyvc. or 01954 230366
Wednesday 12	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	PEATBOGS – SAVING BRITAINS LARGEST LOWLAND PEATBOGS. Brian Eversham - CEO of The Wildlife Trust for Cambrigeshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire

ADVERTISING RATES AS FROM 1ST JANUARY 2020

Sorry these will increase as from January 1st 2020, it is a modest increase and takes into account the extra copies we will need to print as the new housing developments grow and also allows for increases in the cost of paper and ink.

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CLUB REPORTS

STREET WISE

We had quite a few visitors for Damien Demolder's talk on 'Street Photography', and several members joined him the following evening for a workshop on the streets of Cambridge. All of us gained a great deal of helpful advice on how to hide in full sight, capture all the images we hoped for, without alerting passers-by to our presence. This evening was timed very conveniently just before our Set Subject competition 'Street'. On 5th December we have another similar opportunity to improve our entries for the next Set Subject competition on January 16th, this time 'Sport', when Stephen Williams will talk to us on 'Athletics to Weightlifting'. We already have members highly skilled in this field: favourite topics Rugby, Car and Cycle Racing, Equestrian and White -water sports. Perhaps we can look forward to an even wider range of dangerous pastimes. At least most of us have the sense to stay on the right side of the camera.

With the Christmas and New Year break ahead of us we have just one more meeting in the college, our President's Evening, on 12th December, when we meet for drinks and snacks and usually lots of fiendishly difficult games with a Photographic theme, devised by our President. We do hope to visit Cambridge one evening to photograph the festive lights, and in February we hope to visit Hamerton Zoo (details for these to be finalised closer to the time).

We open the New Year on January 9th with another Members' Evening, when we will have presentations or maybe helpful demonstrations from our own experts. We have 3 outside speakers, starting with Tony Lumb. from Peterborough Regional College, on 23rd January, when he will tell us of his 'Current Projects'. On 30th January, we have 'The Monochrome Effect' by Jayne O'Dell from Newmarket; her special interests are land, sea and equine photography in black and white. Keeping it local, on 13th February the president of Cambridge Camera Club, Jonathan Vaines, will give us his talk 'Compose Yourself'.

We have one main competition on February 6th, the very hard-fought Print Panel, 5 prints on a single theme which must be part of an inter-related set to be displayed together. Later, on 27th February, we have the last of this year's Set Subjects, 'Water'. All these Club Competitions give us plenty of choice of images when we enter all those External Competitions, local and national in which, considering that we are a small village club in competition with others with maybe hundreds of members, we are very successful.

Please come along any Thursday Club Night; we meet from September to June except when the College is closed.
Members: Free
Non-Members: £4

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club.
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Spartans Football News

By the time you read this the new season will be well under way, with as always in all sport some teams winning and others losing.

At Spartans we try to teach our players to enjoy the game whatever the result and to respect both the officials and the opposition.

I'm delighted to report that the new Spartans ladies team is going from strength to strength and is attracting a large number of ladies to training and to play in matches.

The new under 6's team is just starting its Spartans journey with training sessions being held every Saturday on the astro turf at Swavesey Village College at 10am, boy and girl new players are always welcome.

Progress is also being made on the planning and funding for a new full size astro turf surface at Swavesey Village College.

If you have any questions or thoughts on football in our village or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Gary Peet

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Email. stella.ramblers@hotmail.com

Swavesey & District History Society

September meeting. Around 40 members attended the first talk of the new season entitled "The girl who was never sent to school" by Linda Wayman. Linda lives in Over and gave a well-illustrated and very moving account of the life of her mother Vera who was born in London in 1928. Vera was profoundly deaf and was raised in care at the Hornchurch Cottage Homes in Shoreditch in the East End. Around 330 children were accommodated in eleven two-story "cottages", with Vera in Hawthorne Cottage. The children were educated, and boys were instructed in a trade while girls were trained for domestic service then at age 14, they were sent out to fend for themselves. Because of her disability Vera received no education despite the 1918 Education Act requiring disabled children to be educated. Instead she fetched and carried and scrubbed floors and polished cutlery in her silence. Birthdays were never celebrated so she received no birthday cards or presents or visitors during the twelve or so years she was there.

Near her 14th birthday in 1942 she was given a small suitcase to hold her meagre belongings ready to be sent out into the world. Her life then changed because Miss Douglas, Housemother at Hawthorne Cottage realised Vera, who was illiterate as well as deaf, would not survive in service and took her to be placed with her own sister and family in Watford. They gradually integrated Vera into the world and kindly taught her to read and write. She was fitted with a hearing aid in 1948 which worked well and in 1949 she got married. On returning from honeymoon Vera contacted the Salvation Army to try to find her mother whom she had never known. She was found in a mental home in Epsom and despite being advised not to contact her mother, Vera ignored the advice and the two ladies got on well together. She discovered aunts and uncles and cousins and Miss Douglas continued to stay in touch. Vera lived a busy life with her husband and family until she died of cancer in 2012.

October meeting. More than 50 attended to hear Janet Morris from West Wickham in south-east Cambs tell us about the conversion of railway carriages into cottages after the Great War. The quality of rural housing had deteriorated during agricultural depression from the 1880s. When soldiers returned from the Great War, they expected better housing since Lloyd George had promised them a better country to return to. Constance Cochrane, a social reformer from Croxton reported in the Cambridge Evening News in April 1918 on a survey of women's wishes for better housing. What they most wanted were three bedrooms followed by a separate living room and kitchen. A bathroom was way down the list, probably because cold water would need to be carried to the house in many buckets then heated.

A small number of council houses had been built before 1914 in Cambridgeshire but started again only slowly after the war because of lack of funds. Cheaper houses were needed quickly and in 1920 Chesterton Parish council enquired if redundant railway carriages were available and at what cost. The price was £107 fully fitted out whereas in 1921 Linton PC were told that a fully fitted council house cost £560. During the 1920s and into the 1930s many Cambridgeshire villages solved their housing problem by recycling railway carriages. After the Second World War they were no longer used and were replaced by prefab houses. There was much discussion at the end of Janet's talk because most of the audience could remember railway carriage houses in Cambridgeshire villages when they were young.

WI News

Dates for your Diary	
December 9th	Making a Chelsea Stand by Tim Wreghitt
January 13th	Auction of Gifts.
February 10th	My Canal Mania by Geoff Lambert and his Dog.

Swavesey WI meets monthly on the second Monday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. If any of the above meetings interest you, please give Deirdre a call on 01954 230897 for more information. You will be made very welcome, so just come along!

Visit Compass Cafe at the Bethel Chapel every second Thursday, Swavesey WI are serving their famous homemade cakes and fresh coffee.

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Recipe from the WI kitchen.
Denman Chocolate Cake.....(no eggs required)

10oz (275g) self raising flour
3 level tbsp cocoa
1 level tsp bicarbonate of soda
Quarter pint (150ml) corn oil
Half tsp vanilla essence.
1/2 (half) level tsp salt
6oz(175g) caster sugar
Half pint milk
3 level tbsp golden syrup

Chocolate Icing
1oz(25g) cocoa
1oz(25g)soft butter
3-4tbsp hot water
4oz(110g)icing sugar

2x8ins sandwich tins, greased or lined
Oven temperature:180C/350F

Sift flour, salt,cocoa and sugar into a bowl
Dissolve bicarbonate in 1 tbsp of milk and pour on to flour with remaining milk, oil,syrup and essence and beat well to a smooth batter.
Pour into prepared tins and bake for about 40 minutes or until cake springs back. Turn on to a cooling rack.

For the Icing: Place cocoa in a bowl with hot water and butter and beat together until smooth. Beat in the icing sugar.
Sandwich the cakes together with icing.

This is a sumptuous chocolate cake with a real fudge taste.
Surprisingly light without the eggs.

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Denman College is the WI's own residential adult education college. It was opened in 1948 to provide residential learning opportunities for all WI members.

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

An Upgraded Welcome Area

Regular readers may remember that we had planned and scheduled a series of improvement works around our car park and welcome area. We are now happy to report that the contractors have been in and carried out these works, made possible by a grant from the A14 Community Fund, a fund managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.

A new surface has been laid to renew the worn out stretch of road adjacent to the welcome area and into the car park, which has been levelled out and had a second disabled parking space added. A clearly demarcated pedestrian route has also been added from the welcome area, across the road and down to the water's edge at the small picnic area opposite the welcome shelter looking out over Ferry Lagoon.

Why not come down one day this winter to make use of the improvements and then go for a walk around one of the lakes? At the time of writing the vanguard of wintering species has started arriving, so it is only a matter of time before they arrive en masse. It won't be long before large flocks of wintering thrushes, such as redwing and fieldfare, from northern Europe will be visiting the hawthorn scrub along the access road and around the lakes. Wigeon, a grazing species of duck with a tell-tale whistling call, will be around the lakes and large numbers of waders, particularly lapwing, will be moving around the muddy lake edges and surrounding fields. There will always be something to see.

Get involved….

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of every month.
There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others.
Walkers meet at the main car park, leaving at 10:15am.

Volunteering

It's always nice to be met with a friendly face when arriving at the reserve and be offered information and family-friendly activities, such as pond dipping and minibeast hunting. If you'd like to find out about our visitor engagement work and other volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
Phone: 01954 233260

New surface and pedestrian crossing - Simon Freedman

Visit **rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes**

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FEN DRAYTON BOWLS CLUB

The club was founded in 1991 and is based at the Village Hall Cootes Lane Fen Drayton (CB24 4SW)

We have 18 members and are affiliated to both the Cambridge & District Bowls Club League and the Cambridge Short Mat Bowls Association.

The winter season started in September so at present we are playing short mat bowls indoors. There are 2 teams each of 6 players – The Lions + The Tigers. The Lions were promoted to league 1 this season as they came top of the Lower League last season.

Outdoor bowls starts in May and our green is at the rear of the village hall. We have a team of 12 players who play in the outdoor league. Why not come and join us? We have room for more players of all ages.

We hold practice sessions known as roll-ups on Monday and Friday evenings where we can teach you how to bowl. There is always a friendly face and someone to help you at these sessions. We have a lively social group who play indoor bowls all year round on Monday afternoons.

Interested? Give Michael a call on 01954 232346 to find out more.

STOP PRESS

We have a fund raising event in February. A visit by a member of the BBC SPRINGWATCH team will be giving a presentation in the village hall. His main topic is the Harpy; Crowned and Philippine Eagles. Steve is a "nest finder"for the programme along with his four legged helper "Buster". Steve is an excellent speaker who regularly travels round the country to give talks about his passion, he has extensive knowledge about birds and is well respected in the "birding" world.

"You don't have to be a Twitcher to enjoy this Bird Nesting Adventure"

The date: **Friday 7th February**

Location: **Fen Drayton Village Hall**

Time: **7.30pm**

Cost: **£12 Adults £10 concession £8 child (Includes refreshments)**

Tickets/information: Michael 01954 232346
Janet 01954 270426
John 01480 357586
Dave 01480 830988

See you there or before.

No Ho Ho Ho on the allotment in December

Of course I'm not referring to the season of good will which the plot holders will look forward to, especially picking sprouts, carrots and parsnips to enhance their Christmas dinner. My personal favourite is red cabbage which braised makes a great accompaniment to roast goose.

Instead December and January are the two months when we can put the hoe away for a short while when the weeds are dormant. If the plot holders have diligently carried out their Autumn dig the weeds should not be raising their heads until mid February. Notice I didn't say ugly heads because some weeds can be quite pretty.

The Autumn weed walkover inspection took place in October and on the whole the site looked to be in good condition, of course there were a couple of plots needing a bit more attention but the occupiers were aware and have committed to rectifying the condition. The Autumn inspection always looks a bit better than the spring walkover because the weeds are dying off rather than in full vigorous growth but there weren't large areas of particularly invasive weeds going to seed.

One of the main attacks on the allotments this year was rodent damage, possibly mice, rats or squirrels, opinion is divided among the plot holders. It shouldn't be rabbits or deer because or specially designed fencing should keep those animals out. The main reasons for this is thought to be the large amount of sweet corn grown, which attracts them and the rise in rubbish piles which shelters them. All plot holders have been asked to clear the rubbish to discourage rodents.

Also in the winter months we look forward to a few good frosts, which not only helps break up the dug soil but also kills off many bugs and diseases. It also enhances the flavour of parsnips, leeks and sprouts.

So far this year 6 and a half plots have become vacant. Three have been allocated and the new occupants have started working with great enthusiasm. The remaining plots will be allocated by the end of the year which will shorten the waiting list so for any prospective allotmenteers don't hesitate to contact us, I estimate at the moment a waiting time of 18 to 24 months.

Our AGM will have taken place in November so who knows there may be some contact changes but we will ensure the Meridian is updated as quickly as possible.

We can't stop talking! Swavesey Speakers Toastmasters Club

It's been a busy month for Swavesey Speakers club: Most of our members have now done at least one speech at the club, with some very enthusiastic members now on their second or third! We've heard about gliding contests, adventures in Scotland, friends appearing in unexpected places and humorous tales from past and present. We've been challenging ourselves to develop our impromptu speaking skills with our regular 'Table Topics' session at every meeting. Notable topics include being asked to speak on about a book you've never read (!), having to incorporate two words into our speech and ending our impromptu speeches with a take home message. All with around 20 seconds notice of the question! We recently helped to host the Area 14 Humorous Speech and Table Topics Contest at the Memorial Hall; this is where members from the four other clubs in the Area meet to compete for a place at the next level of these contests.

Everyone comes to the club for different reasons: Some members want to improve their skills when giving presentations and others want to increase their confidence when talking in a range of situations such as group discussions and job interviews. Other people have said they like Toastmasters meetings as you are around positive and supportive people, you are encouraged to do your best and take on new challenges. You also have the opportunity to try out new skills in a setting where 'failing' doesn't matter e.g. if you have an important speech coming up, you can practise it and get some useful feedback!

What's next?: Our first meeting in November will be a speechathon - you will hear at least 5 speeches that have been prepared by club members. All speakers will receive feedback on their speech to improve their skills.

Come and visit us: Feel free to drop in! We usually meet at the Memorial Hall but the venue changes occasionally so get in touch or check the website. We have a break during each meeting so you can chat with the members to find out more and we provide refreshments.

Who are we:

We are a Toastmasters International (www.toastmasters.org) club that meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Memorial Hall in Swavesey. It's a not for profit organisation that helps members develop their communication and leadership skills. If Tuesdays don't suit you, we have another club nearby - Huntingdonshire Speakers - that meets in the Golden Lion in St Ives on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

If you are interested in either club, contact Faye on 07908 443610,

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Swavesey Festival 100 Club

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	£	Sep-19	Oct-19
First prize	60	Shirley Stokes	Jodder Hodson
Second prize	30	Bamidele Amure	John Harrison
Third prize	15	Lisa Boyes	Jenny Smart

Village Show in the Marquee on Saturday 13 June 2020

The Village Show will again be organised by Hale Road Allotments and we are aiming to get in significantly more than the 491 entries of 2018 which was itself much higher than the 382 of 2016. To encourage this to happen we have studied the previous entry numbers in each class then changed some and added a few new ones.

Most children will be delighted to hear that we have kept the very popular decorated stone and the piece of jewellery involving beads. New in the cookery section we ask for 3 chocolate birds' nests made from breakfast cereal such as Corn Flakes or Shredded Wheat, with eggs etc. The Lego model will still be there and the collage this time will be "outer space". As a new challenge for the 5-7 and the 8-12 year-olds we have a miniature garden.

For the adults (although children may also enter the classes primarily aimed at adults if they wish) we have increased the number of home baking classes from 7 to 10. Four cheese scones was the most popular class in 2018 so that stays, and we have re-introduced a fruit cake which was a hit in 2016. Among the new classes we have a cob loaf (bread makers permitted) and a soda bread loaf and 4 identical cakes containing coconut – anything containing coconut. A set recipe cake will be there again of course.

The jar of fruit jam class attracted 24 entries in 2018 so we have split this into a jar of soft fruit jam and a jar of stoned fruit jam which means an extra red rosette and 3 more certificates to be won. By popular demand we have added a crocheted item to the handicraft section and replaced the handmade bag with a handmade hat. To the flowers section we have added a buttonhole involving flowers and a miniature flower arrangement, maximum 14 cm (5½ inches) tall from the base of the container. Since the show date is well before the 7 July show of 2018 there will be fewer vegetables and fruit ready for harvest but a new class for the first time will be 5 asparagus stems.

We have devised a range of show classes which should appeal to all ages so that everyone can join in. Every Swavesey resident should easily be able to find 2 or 3 or more entry classes attractive to them in 2020. The full list of classes will be on the Swavesey Festival website at the end of January and printed in the Apr/May issue of The Meridian. So, start thinking about it and be ready to have a go!

Swavesey Festival
6th to 13th June 2020

On 20th September, Swavesey welcomed the Enchanted Cinema to the Village Green. Everyone enjoyed watching Bohemian Rhapsody under the stars and the Festival would like to thank Swavesey Pavilion for providing a bar on the night along with Ben Squires & Co for the live music set ahead of the film. The feedback for the event has been amazing and with this in mind we do hope to put on another Cinema night in 2020.

As we head towards Christmas, we are looking forward to reviving the old tradition of "Toddlers Christmas Party". On Sunday 8th December from 4-5.30pm a Christmas party will be held for 0 to 5 years in The Memorial Hall. It's time for the tiny generation in the village to practice their dance moves with a visit from Father Christmas. Tickets are £2 per child available from Jane 07809 454913 or Nicole 07989 133930 siblings are welcome. A pop up café for parents will be available with drinks/cakes for sale.

Moving into 2020, the Festival Committee and St Andrews Church will host an exhibition themed on Landscapes from Around the World incorporating floral displays. This will take place on the first festival weekend, 6th & 7th June. We are calling on any florists that are able to give their time to produce a magnificent display with flowers & foliage these will of course be provided. If you can help on Friday 5th June 2020 please do contact me.

Open Gardens will take place on the first weekend of the Festival which is always a popular activity. There will be a wide range from small concentrations of colour to large, open spaces showing herbaceous borders, rose beds, fruit bushes, vegetable plots, container plants, lawns, shrubs and trees with the occasional chicken, rabbit and even ducks wandering around! New gardens for 2020 might be on view in Pine Grove Park, Gibraltar Lane and Black Horse Lane. If you are willing to open your garden on one or both days contact Selwyn on 07731 585450 or on selwyn.richardson1@gmail.com.

I have been part of the festival for a number of years and Chairperson for the last five. It is impossible to do this without a good committee & helpers, and for this I am very thankful for all the hard work behind the scenes to keep the festival alive We welcome any new ideas for events during festival week & extra hands to make it all happen. It would be fantastic if any of our youth groups could get involved, organizing an event one evening, why not show case what you all do and how much fun it is being part of an organisation. Let's all show off what Swavesey has to offer! Swavesey Festival will advertise your event as part of festival week. If you have any ideas or can help during festival week, please drop me an e-mail or give me a call.
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Colin Cleland

Since our last update in the Meridian things have been moving forward quickly! If you didn't see last time, we are aiming to raise £7,500 for Alzheimer's Research UK by riding 660km Coast-to-Coast through the Pyrenees in the space of six days with Le Domestique Tours. This is all in memory of our late grandfather, Colin Cleland, who helped the Meridian when he was still able to. We hope to raise money for a disease that rips away one's memories to fund research in future cures. Now time for some updates!!

November marks a year since we lost Colin, and we know he'd be so proud of how much we've achieved in this time frame! We've been overwhelmed with the support we've received so far on our journey. We've raised almost £550 thus far (as of the 17th October) and we've got many people following our progress of our various social media platforms. it may not seem like much compared to our goal, but it is amazing progress and drives is on to carry on with the fundraising. Our motivation and drive to complete this ride grows exponentially each time we receive a donation.

We'd like to take this chance to thank the Meridian for their commitments of £1000 too, and for their support is sharing our story.

We've all really upped our training. Luke's on his bike three times a week and is mixing other forms of exercise into his schedule too. Calum is playing hockey multiple times a week at university, and going on long rides with Alex whenever possible. Alex is riding to work most days, and is hitting distances of over 60km at the weekends! Although this increase in training has been more challenging, we have benefited greatly from it. One thing that has been particularly difficult is training for the mountains – Cambridge's hills don't really compare.

The aim throughout the winter is to use indoor trainings to maintain our fitness when the weather and temperature are against us. We have a couple of exciting partnerships in the pipeline that we hope to be able to share with you in our next update!

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Many thanks once again for your support.
Kind regards,
Alex, Luke & Calum

Where I grew up. Part I

As an army brat, I never got to grow up in one place. My formative years were during the last proper days of Empire and, consequently, army families found themselves posted to various garrisons around the world. I think, therefore, the best place to start is at the beginning.

My father, although born in Poland, found himself due to circumstance serving in the British Army. My mother was also in the forces. It was during a Singapore posting that they met and married, leading eventually to my procreation. I was released into this world in Birmingham but was soon relocated to Chester. Needless to say, I remember none of this.

My first memories of "being" occur once we are all back in Singapore. This was an idyllic time. I suppose this is how I developed my delusions of grandeur. Our first residence was a bungalow in Serangoon Gardens, which of course came with a maid, as did all properties taken by the higher ranks. It was probably quite upmarket as it had a bathroom. I say bathroom, but it was a dingy cell with a single lamp, no windows, a tin bath and a solitary cold tap. Even now I cannot face cold water.

To compound my cold water misery, weekends were spent at the Britannia outdoor pool which at least was heated by the sun, or at the beach. I have one vivid memory of walking with my father out towards a distant sea where some homes on stilts were situated. It seemed a long way. It occurred to me that once the tide decided to come back, we would be swept away and, being unable to swim, my life would be prematurely terminated. No amount of persuasion would get me to continue.

I don't think we were there for that long, but as a three year old twenty minutes seemed like an eternity. As it was a residential street my play fellows were mostly "foreign". I suppose I learned some of the language, but it has evaporated along with where I left the instruction manual for the washing machine and how to tie my shoelaces.

My social life took an upturn when we moved into the new married quarters. Here, was a conclave of warrant officer families housed in beautifully white painted apartment blocks. Each apartment came with two bedrooms, a living room (with two fans in the ceiling), kitchen (though I do not recall this) and a proper bathroom with hot water and everything. Also, around the back along the walkway was a glorified cupboard in which we housed Meng, the new maid. I remember she would have friends around on her evening off and they would play Majong, refusing to let me play with the tiles. I was such a brat!

Oh, what fun was to be had here! It was bounded on one side by what appeared to be 20 feet tall grass hiding a railway track. It was only the grass and risk of admonishment from mother preventing access to the line, not that it stopped us. The opposite side was terminated by a small wooded area extending around the back and the final frontier was the main road. Our gang would spend hours playing at cowboys and Indians completely independent of the grown-ups, or at least so it appeared.

One of my favourite past-times was when it was time to fumigate against the endless stream of mosquitos. My father would wield the red Flit gun (a bicycle pump connected to a small tank filled with some poisonous and probably carcinogenic substance) and spray it into the

air. I would dart around in the fine spray as it fell to earth, squealing with delight. It is a wonder anyone from the old times is still here.

Sadly, all good things must come to an end and, as with my revelations, we had to leave Singapore. The Empire was shrinking, I was reaching school age and it transpired my mother was once more with child. We spent four days flying back to Blighty in a Britannia four prop, the likes of which may be viewed at Duxford. My main memory of the trip, apart from disgorging my stomach contents every time we took off and landed, was during a rare moment of wellbeing as we were landing at Istanbul. There below me was a huge playground filled with toy houses. I screamed and screamed to be allowed to play with said buildings to no avail. Even now, whenever I am on final approach, I muse at the toy houses below.

Finally, we bowled up at London Heathrow, at the time little more than a glorified hut. It was night-time, so we went straight to the B&B. In the morning I awoke to the grey cold of England and the wonderment of what my next adventure might be.

Chas Barclay, Moat Way

I Got a Toblerone for Christmas

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Where I grew up

I grew up not far from Swavesey, living first in Bar Hill and later in Willingham. But as I went to primary school in Dry Drayton, that's where I spent a lot of my childhood and where many of my early memories are from.

It was a very small school, in an old Georgian building with a couple of mobile classrooms attached– the infants' classroom was one of these, and for some reason called Timbuktu. There were only about 40 pupils in all. This meant that we all knew each other pretty well, along with the various characters from the village. Sometimes we'd have visits from Mr Hacker at the fruit farm, who'd bring feathers, bird's nests and such like for us to look at. Other times it would be the school governor, Mr Wyatt with his silky moustache, and we had to be on our best behaviour whenever he came into the classroom!

Almost every lunchtime in the summer we'd play rounders on the field, and more often than not the ball would end up over the fence in the pub garden or in the wildlife pond. When it was nearly the end of the break one of us would be chosen by Mrs Townsend - an expert rounders bowler - to go and ring the school bell. This meant climbing up into the little upstairs library and yanking the handle of the bell as hard as you could. Everyone would then run over to the playground and assemble on the hopscotch allocated to their year group while the register was called.

One of the highlights of the year was the village Feast Week, when the marquee would go up on the school field, and the pupils would perform music for all the grandparents during Strawberry Tea. At the school fete there was an egg-tossing competition, a coconut shy and crockery smash (always my favourite), and the good sports among the teachers would even subject themselves to wet sponge throwing and dunking. There was a parade through the village with a different theme each year- I remember once it was wildflowers and I went as speedwell, and another time we all dressed as US states - I think I painted a t-shirt with the flag of Colorado! Of course, there was also a fun run which was only about three miles but felt more like twenty on a hot summer's day!

Later in the year there was the harvest festival at the church, just across the green from the school - I remember taking apples from the trees around the school field one year, though in other years some of us boys would secretly stash the apples in piles under the hedges so we could watch them rot and fill with maggots. We used to go to the church quite a lot, and the vicar came to do a prayer assembly in the school hall once per week. The best part of assemblies was if you were the candle monitor - this meant you were in charge of lighting the candle at the beginning (with a big long taper) and using the fancy snuffer at the end. But my favourite monitor job was library monitor, as this meant you were allowed to spend a leisurely half-hour alone in the library a couple of times in the week - in theory tidying up, but usually just lounging on a bean bag with an adventure story!

One of the highlights of primary school, which everyone looked forward to for years, was the year 5 & 6 residential trip to a windmill in Norfolk. It was a brilliant trip - in the daytime, we went out on the sand dunes and salt marshes learning about birds and plant life and practising observational drawing, and in the evenings we all helped cook and then told ghost stories in the dormitories. It was quite eerie with the darkness of the night-time marshes all around!

Jamie Males, Moat Way.

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A Bricklayer for Fifty Years

Neville grew up in Willingham where he had a good time with his mates, playing football in winter and sliding at full speed along a straight and dangerous path of ice across the school playground, then playing cricket and running through rough grass and hawthorn bushes in nearby meadows in summer. He failed his eleven plus exam, although more than 70 years later he still reckons he was good enough to have passed it. In truth however, he thinks it was probably a good thing because on leaving Willingham school at 14 years old he was able to attend the Technical College in Collier's Road in Cambridge for two years where he learned the trade of a bricklayer which saved him from ending up in an office job. Getting to the Tech each day meant a cycle ride to the station in Longstanton then by train to Cambridge station followed by a good walk.

Soon after leaving the Tech he was taken on as an apprentice at F L Unwin, builders in Station Road, Histon where he learned to build strong brick walls to be proud of and he made little use of breeze blocks which he considers inferior. He cycled the 7 miles there and back again five and a half days a week. During his apprenticeship he was also required to attend the Tech for regular day-release classes.

After five years as an apprentice he was awarded his "Deed of Apprenticeship" which confirmed he was now a fully trained bricklayer at the age of 21 years. His call-up to do National Service had been delayed by his apprenticeship but on completion he was immediately called up into 208, a fighter-reconnaissance squadron of the RAF. His tasks varied from administration to engineering and even to cooking. He served from 1955 to 1957 during the time of the Suez crisis, flying from Hampshire to Egypt, re-fuelling on the way. After a spell there he was transferred to Malta by 3 days at sea. There is a modern trend to have much of your body tattooed but the Medical Officer advised the men not to have tattoos. In Malta he was promoted to corporal and made drill instructor. Later he moved over to Akrotiri in Cyprus. He was offered a longer term contract in the RAF but declined partly because he already had a trade and to be available to help at busy times on his parents' 2-acre smallholding where they mainly grew flowers to send to market by train. This also allowed his mother to spend more time caring for his much older sister who had been struck down by polio when she was only 6 months old.

On returning to civvy street Neville went to work as a bricklayer for Chapman Brothers at Histon and stayed with them until the late '80s before branching out on his own. During his time, he built houses from Histon and Willingham to Eltisley and Croxton with many other villages in between and always to the same high standard. It was a tough job because there was no ready-mixed concrete of course so he had to mix all he needed in a concrete mixer. He carried bricks up a ladder, twelve at a time in a hod and he often dug the sewers too, by hand.

A keen sportsman he played football and cricket for Willingham throughout his teenage years and in the RAF. Cycling from Willingham to Waterbeach then cycling back home again after the match was a typical away fixture. He stopped when he got married because he was concerned that if he had a serious injury it might stop him from working.

Soon after returning from National Service he met Iris at The Palace dance hall in Chatteris. where, along with many others of similar age, they went every Saturday. Neville cycled to Somersham then caught the bus to Chatteris. Iris was from Somersham and a supervisor in Woolworths in St Ives, on the old site which was where West End Stores is now. They married in 1960 at which time he was earning £11 per week and set up home in Willingham. It will be their diamond wedding in 2020. They moved to Swavesey in 2002 and in retirement Neville had an allotment plot on the Baptist cemetery site in Taylor's Lane. They continue to enjoy a happy life together in Thistle Green.

Neville Smith, Thistle Green.

OWLS Community Car Scheme

For many elderly people wintry weather brings with it worries about falling on slippery ground or concerns about driving in hazardous conditions. A walk to the doctors or local shop which might have been relatively easy in the summer or a drive to attend an outpatient appointment can seem a different prospect entirely in the winter months.

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The OWLS coordinators and drivers would like to wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks to OWLS

We would like to send our seasons greetings and to thank everyone at the OWLS car scheme for all their help after Godfrey had his fall last year.

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A local charity 'Cambridge Women's Aid' is launching a new community project called 'Ask Me' to help tackle domestic abuse. The project evolved from discussions with survivors of abuse which noted that while communities are often the first to know that domestic abuse is happening, lack of understanding and confidence can make people afraid to talk about it, and unsure of how to respond when someone speaks out.

Ask Me aims to equips everyone with an understanding of domestic abuse and how to respond to survivors. Cambridge Women's Aid is now looking to train members of the community to become Ask Me Community Ambassadors, in order to break the silence surrounding domestic abuse and help eliminate it.

Volunteers will receive 12 hours of free training on domestic abuse, how to raise awareness about it in communities and how to direct survivors to specialist services. Are you passionate about ending domestic abuse? Are you a member of a community, group, or a club interested in learning about domestic abuse and supporting survivors? If so, why not find out more about the Ask Me scheme and sign up for the training. You could then become part of a nationwide network of Ask Me Commun[illegible] to eliminate domestic abuse in the UK.

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Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme is back and bigger than ever!

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity will be running their annual Christmas Tree Recycling scheme once again in January, along with the support of the council, Just Helping and numerous local businesses and volunteers.

On Thursday 9, Friday 10 and Saturday 11 January 2020 their team of volunteers will be collecting trees from postcodes CB1, CB2, CB3, CB4, CB5, CB22, CB23 and CB24 and in exchange they welcome a donation to the hospice. The trees are then taken to the waste management park near Waterbeach for composting.

If you would like your tree to be collected, or if you can spare a few hours to volunteer, visit arhc.org.uk/treerecycling or call the Hospice fundraising team for further information on 01223 675888.

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the Hospice and the remaining 10% will be donated to other local charities. Last year the Hospice's volunteers collected 1800 trees and raised over £26,000! Feel good about saving yourself the hassle of disposing of your tree and take part! Registrations close at 1pm Wednesday 8 January 2020.

Hospice aims to raise final £35,000 for Hospice at Home team, by Christmas

In May, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity launched it's 'Help Us Be There' appeal, with the aim of raising £100,000 to fund an additional 200 nights of Hospice at Home care.

Due to limited funding, each night the team is unable to provide care to one in three people referred to them, whose choice it is to remain at home. Difficult decisions have to be made every day, as to which patients and families need support more, that night.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of the community and supporters, as of September over £66,000 has been raised, funding an additional 140 nights of additional care. Each night of holistic care costs the charity £472 per patient.

The Hospice is now working hard to try and reach its goal to raise a further £34,000 before Christmas. If you'd like to do something to help, you are invited to "Host at Home". This could involve inviting your friends around for a takeaway or preparing your signature dish for your nearest and dearest, in return for a donation.

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Welcome……
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Dr Beata Labiniec (GP registrar) joined us in August, she will be working for six months before taking up her final training block at the hospital or another GP surgery.

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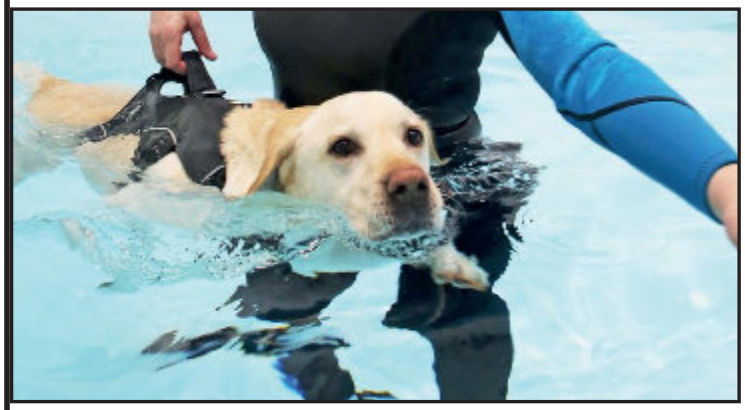

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Now in its 9th. Year!

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Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section (Rangers)

In 2018 all Girlguiding members were asked their views on things they really cared about via age appropriate activities, the result of this is Future Girl.

Future Girl is built around five topics that we all really care about:

Planet Protectors - Protecting our planet and the animals we share it with

Adventurers - For fun and adventures of all kinds open to every girl

Self Believers - Feeling free to be ourselves

Respect Makers - Feeling safe in a respectful world

Barrier Breakers - For a world without barriers for girls and young women

Future Girl Acts is Girlguiding's new annual week of action. Every year members will come together on an issue they care about and this year it's plastic pollution. Unit Meeting Activities were written for each section and all units across the country were asked to use these during the week 30th September to 6th October.

All four units in Swavesey took part. All age groups were asked to collect their hard plastic waste for a week, and all were amazed at how much there was!

They all discussed plastic waste and what happens to it and how it may end up in the sea.

A Deposit Return Scheme was explained and then the girls wrote on a bottle template what their plastic promise was and why they cared about plastic pollution and wanted it to stop. These bottles have been sent to Heidi Allen asking her to become a Planet Protector with us and ask a question in Parliament to find out how our voices will be heard in plans for the deposit return scheme. The Rangers spent longer on this part than any other and wanted bigger bottles to be able to fit on all they wanted to say!

The girls then all used their plastic to create an animal they want to save from plastic pollution, Rainbows made a Jellyfish and a Starfish. Brownies made 2 dolphins, 4 sea turtles, a fish and a penguin with baby. The Guides made a dolphin, sea turtles and octopus and the Rangers made a dolphin the length of the Compass Room.

Photos of these were shared online with hashtags: #FutureGirlActs #PlasticPromise #PlanetProtectors

Leaders were encouraged to make a plastic promise too and share it online, carry a reusable water bottle or coffee cup, ditch cling film, find an alternative to plastic cutlery, or promise to stand up and speak out.

All the girls across all sections thoroughly enjoyed this session, were amazed at the huge pile of plastics, and all were passionate about avoiding plastic waste getting into the sea, from the Rainbows aged 5 & 6 right through to the Rangers aged 14 to 16, and Girlguiding produced a badge for all of them.

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COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

South Cambridgeshire District Council is to decide the form of local governance for Northstowe including boundaries and if it is to be a Parish or Town Council. The PC was asked for its view. The PC agreed that the time to decide on the form of governance is due and will await the developing proposals before commenting further.

TIME BANKING

A system of sharing and exchanging skills in a community supported by the County Council.

The PC is part of a working group of neighbouring parish councils investigating how to set up a scheme. There is a proposal that a paid coordinator will be necessary, Decision awaited. Please look out for village consultation on this over the next couple of months.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The Traffic Commissioner has approved the use of the Mick George waste disposal site for parking 5 lorries and a trailer on the site, but has imposed conditions including speed limits to Middle Fen Drove and through the village. Sections of the footpath along Boxworth End are to be improved. The problems arising from poorly maintained roads were discussed and the PC agreed to press this issue with the relevant authorities, in addition Councillors and the Clerk are meeting with County Council Officers.

Road repairs and maintenance are likely to result in road closures in the village. These will be notified by the PC through Facebook and the village website. The PC considered concerns about traffic problems in Ramper Road and Gibraltar Lane. Dragons Teeth markings are to be painted on entry points to the village.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Dews bus to St Ives can be flagged down as it passes and is not restricted to formal bus stops.

Councillors attended a recent Parish Planning Forum held by SCDC. They raised planning concerns and learned of the next steps in the development of a local plan beyond 2024. The first steps in assessing housing needs starts in 2020 for input into the plan.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The PC continues to monitor the impact of traffic on the village and concerns about the junction and road closures, and is aware of residents' particular problems which

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are taken up with the A14 team. The A14 team attended for public consultation in their mobile exhibition unit on Market Street on October 30th.

VILLAGE MATTERS

The PC is working with the football clubs to improve the safety on the green arising from the drainage grooves for the safety of all villagers.

The PC is to approach residents who park trailers on village car parks and cars on green areas including Swan Pond to find suitable areas for parking/storage.

Some village outlets have agreed to take part in the RE-FILL water bottle scheme to reduce the use of plastic water bottles.

The PC stressed the need for the Neighbourhood Plan project to be progressed in time to impact on the next SCDC local plan in 2020.

COMMUNITY ORCHARD PROJECT

Glyn Jones is leading a team to establish a community orchard for the village. The PC agreed to support the proposal to set up the orchard on Church Green. A lease agreement with the PC and the owner of the land has been received and discussions are ongoing with the project group on their terms of use under the lease.

DRAINAGE

The PC is to press the Environment Agency to clear both the Turnbridge Drain and Church End drains to avoid flood situations. Turnbridge Drain should be cleared by the time the Meridian goes to press.

Cllr Mr Wilderspin working with the Middle Level Commissioners continues to press for action on major drainage works affecting the village.

PLANNING

BPHA (Housing Association) have indicated to the PC that they are considering taking an option to develop the Dairy Farm site in Boxworth End and may wish to discuss this with the PC.

Various planning matters have been considered by the PC.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are hopeful that a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator may be appointed for the village very soon.

Speed watch volunteers are urgently needed especially as many residents are concerned about speeding vehicles. Please contact the Parish Council if you would like to join this team.

FINANCE

The PC is planning the budget for next year and the new rate precept for the village.

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Memorial Hall Newsletter

Oct 2019 Vol. 1 Issue 1

Keeping you posted!

Over the years the gravel area to the right of the Hall has been many a point of discussion, albeit without a plan. A lightbulb moment at the end of 2018 led us to have the vision of a Memorial Hall Garden to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of World War One.

Quite a lot of this year has been spent applying for grant funding, looking at designs and obtaining quotes. Now as we move towards the end of the year the funding is in place and the project has begun. Recently the old telephone kiosk situated in Boxworth End has moved to the gravel area to be refurbished as an Information Point. The next step was to remove the old bus shelter which was recycled at the Allotment site. Following on from this a new black framed clear sided bus shelter has been installed. This provides a view through to the garden with a pitched roof to compliment the Memorial Hall roof.

The next stage of groundwork is provisionally booked in for February weather permitting! Shortly after this the new benches will be fitted along with planting the area up to reflect WWI. It is certainly hoped a once derelict area of the village will be visually pleasing on our eyes☺

Some of the groups using the Hall on a frequent basis are various Pilates classes, Tang Soo Do, Playtimers, St.Ives Dog Training Club, Meridian Quilters & Quantum Quilters. We are more than happy to put you in touch if you fancy trying something new☺

For further information about the Hall contact Mrs Nicole Mullee:
Tel 07963 861791 or email memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

Car Park

Managing the Hall's Car Park is an ongoing issue. The Car Park is only to be used by those who have hired the hall. Please remember it's a Private Car Park of a very busy Village Hall where people have paid to hire the facility.

Hall Meetings

The Trustees meet every 6 weeks to discuss managing the Hall and make decisions on maintenance and the wish list!

National Village Hall Day

Sat 25th January 2020 10am-12pm

A chance to visit the Hall and see various groups that use the Hall, along with a Pop up Café hosted by the Trustees☺

Hall Hire Charges

HOURLY RATES W.E.F 1ST APRIL 2019

	BEFORE 6PM	AFTER 6PM	MEETING ROOM
CLUB	£ 8.50	£ 9.50	£ 7.50
RESID	£ 17.00	£ 18.00	£ 13.00
BUS	£ 22.00	£ 22.00	£ 22.00

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Hello Everybody

I have been waiting to write this to see if Parliament will make a decision over Brexit but have come to the conclusion that I should not hold my breath. Hopefully by the time the Meridian is printed we will all know the outcome. But I have my doubts!

I am disappointed at the way our MP has behaved and I support those who say that anybody who is elected by the majority of their constituents to represent them within a specific political party should have to stand for a bye election if they decide to change parties, Of course that would mean we in South Cambs would have had to vote in **four** by-elections this year!

At South Cambs District Council, the new Chief Executive has taken up her post and the re-organisation of the workforce is continuing. Ms Liz Watts has indicated that she would like to visit each ward to get to know the area and a feel of the issues affecting each ward. Obviously visits will take place over the next few months and I felt that she should see some of the drainage issues of our village as well as the enormous growth in housing, and the problems with our Byways. So I plan to leave it until a little nearer Christmas.

The council is currently consulting on new taxi licensing arrangements. These tighten up on taxi and hire car standards. If you are interested you can find the details on the website.

The council is currently discussing their investment portfolio in order to generate additional funds to support council plans. The increase in the Local Government Investment board rates may affect the viability of these plans but specific detail is covered by a commercial confidentiality clause.

The Council has started to take steps to reduce Fly Tipping. The normal cause of action would be to examine any fly tip for evidence of ownership and take legal actions against the householder who may have paid a man with a lorry to take it away. This will continue but some really hot spots will include CCTV coverage and some byway entrances will be gated.

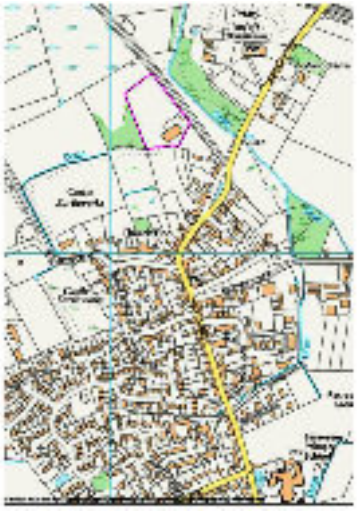
It is really good news that some of the A14 will be opened early but I fear we will still have substantial areas locally which will continue to cause problems for villagers and the night closures. The Parish Council, myself and Mandy are working to ensure we get compensated for all the trouble caused and our roads are substantially repaired

If you have any problems I can help with please contact me -

01954 202923 or 07774 146331 or cllr.Ellington@scambs.gov.uk

Best wishes
Sue Ellington - District Councillor Swavesey, Fen Drayton and Lolworth Ward.

Waste Transfer Site (Mick George Ltd) Middle Fen Drove, Station Road



The site owned by Mick George Ltd in Middle Fen Drove has planning permission to operate as a waste transfer station for the sorting of inert builders waste.

The Parish Council has been contacted by a residential development company, Campbell Buchanan George Ltd, with a view to potential residential development on the site, instead of the existing industrial activities.

There are a number of various factors to be considered with regard to the site including:

- the site is located outside of the village development framework
- in the conservation area of the village
- along an unadopted agricultural byeway (with public rights of way running over it)
- within a designated Environment Agency flood zone

There are also other factors relating to the site use to be considered and its impact on the village including:

- pollution and noise from the site
- large vehicle movements through the village to/from the site re current use
- impact on village infrastructure including roads and surface water drainage
- impact on surrounding land, rural rights of way, scheduled ancient monument site

The Parish Council would like residents' views on the existing use of the site and whether a change of use and residential development would be supported or not. If residential use would be supported what type of residential development would you consider suitable for the site?

Please send your comments by Weds 1st January 2020 to Swavesey Parish Council either by email to: clerk@swavesey.org.uk or write to:
Swavesey Parish Council c/o The Memorial Hall,
High Street,
Swavesey,
CB24 4QU

Swavesey Parish Council

A Timebank for Swavesey

Timebanks are starting up in lots of places across Cambridgeshire. They are proving to be a great way of bringing people together and helping us help each other. A small group, including your Parish Council and District Councillor, are looking at how we could get a Timebank in Swavesey.

How does it work?
Timebanking is a way of spending one hour of time helping someone out by, for example, mowing someone's lawn, or doing their shopping. For every hour spent, you earn an hour in return. This can be spent on receiving an hour of someone else's time or, where available, things like theatre or cinema tickets. You could learn something new or share a skill you have like cooking or playing a musical instrument.

Timebanking is not the same as volunteering. It is less formal with people being able to give and receive time doing things they enjoy, when they want to. It is a two-way process of giving time and receiving time.

There has been a very successful Timebank in Somersham for some years now. You can find out more about how Timebanks work from the following links:
https://www.somersham-pc.gov.uk
https://somershamtimebank.wordpress.com/
https://www.timebanking.org/what-is-timebanking/

What's happening in Swavesey?
We've set up a Working Group who have been gathering information and talking to villages that already have Timebanks, learning about how to get started and thinking how it could work in our village. There needs to be a paid coordinator who could work across several villages, and then the cost can be kept as low as possible. So we are also talking to neighbouring Parish Councils to see who might be interested in a shared scheme. We are also investigating sources of funding.

What next?
The Working Group will work with other interested Parish Councils to put together a plan to get started. We will then hold an open evening to get people's views.
Please watch out for this and come along and let us know what you think

If you are interested in joining the Working Group and help us get this up and running we'd love to hear from you.

Also if you have any comments or have experience of Timebank Schemes please do let us know. Contact one of us:

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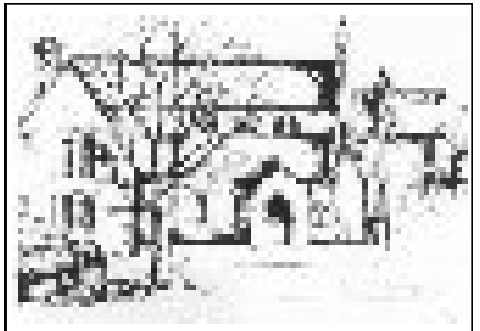
Parish Councillor	Parish Clerk	District Councillor
cambridgegills@hotmail.co.uk	clerk@swavesey.org.uk	sue.ellington@virgin.net



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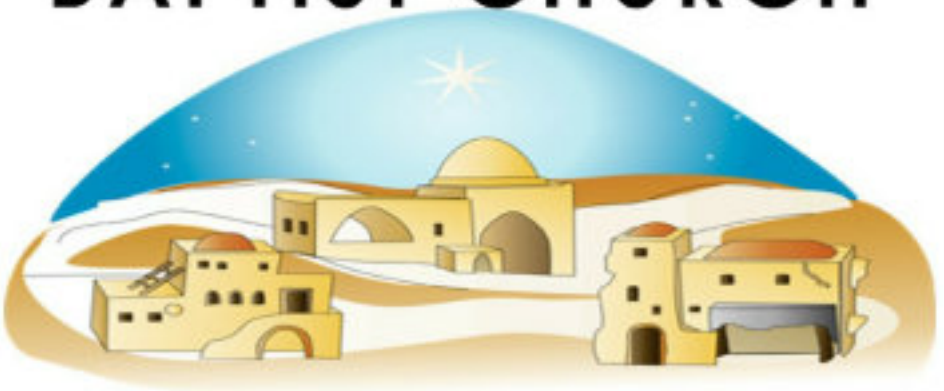

Join us for an interactive trip back in time to Bethlehem, and meet some of the townsfolk and visitors.

Try out some traditional crafts, enjoy authentic food, and get your photo taken in the Nativity stable.

Pottery, Wood Turning, Spinning, Leatherwork, Oils, Spices, Cheese, Flatbread and More

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER - 10:45AM TO 12 NOON

CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS

Saturday 21st December 6 -7.30pm – Carols on the Green
Sunday 15th December 7pm – Christmas Sanctuary
Sunday 22nd December 7pm – Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 25th December 10.45am – Christmas Service

We look forward to welcoming you to our

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at 10:45 am weekly

Café Church

Join us for "Church Around the Coffee Table" at 10:45am.
Sunday 6th October, Sunday 3rd November

Sunday Sanctuary

Sunday Sanctuary offers an alternative time of worship and reflection.
Sunday 20th October, Sunday 17th November

Remembrance Sunday

We will be joining with St Andrew's Church for the Remembrance Day Service as in previous years, so there will be no service at Bethel.
Sunday 10th November

The Hub

An Open Access Youth Club for children and young people aged 11 to 16.
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Every Thursday 10.30—12pm

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Visit our website for up to date information on all activities at Bethel.
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111 Middle Watch, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RP.

Christmas Services at St Andrew's Church

You are always very welcome at St Andrew's Church but we particularly invite you to join us during Advent as we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ and, at Christmas, when we celebrate his wonderful birth. Although the basic pattern of our services will remain unchanged, here are some special services that you might like to put in your diary.

Sunday, December 1st: 4:30pm:	**Christingle Service**
Friday, December 13th: 1pm:	**Swavesey Primary School Carol Concert**
Sunday, December 22nd: 11am:	**All Age Service**
Sunday, December 22nd: 4pm:	**Candlelit Carol Service**
Tuesday, December 24th:4:30pm:	**Crib Service**
Tuesday, December 24th: 11:30pm:	**Midnight Communion**
Wednesday, December 25th: 11am:	**Holy Communion**
Sunday, December 29th: 10:30am:	**Joint Benefice Holy Communion**

News from St Andrew's Church

Saturday, September 22nd: Heritage Lottery Fund Open Day
Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate the completion of our building works at our Family Open Day. It was a truly beautiful autumn afternoon with a warm sun shining in a clear blue sky. It was wonderful to see so many children running around the graveyard completing the matchbox and eggbox challenges and tracking down all the wildlife pictures. Inside the church we welcomed many intrepid and energetic adults as they faced their own challenges on the roof and in the bell tower and tried their hand at ringing the bells. A range of musical entertainment was provided catering for all tastes from children's action songs through organ and choral music to local musical talents Ben Squires and Grape Marmalade. As always, there were tempting cakes for tea and a barbecue to round off the day.
Our Open Day was both a celebration of the completion of our Heritage Lottery funded roof works and also an opportunity for our village to explore and learn more about its parish church. Thank you for coming – we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Harvest festival and St Ives food Bank
St Andrew's church, along with the other Five Fold churches, has been supporting the Ely Food bank for several years but recently a decision was made to support the St Ives Food bank instead. All the food items donated at our recent Harvest Festival were very gratefully received by the food bank which is based at All Saints Church in St Ives. If you would like to support this local charity in its ongoing work, please place your contributions in the box at the back of church. This is emptied regularly.

Sunday, January 12th 2020: 7pm: Plough Sunday
In the past, rural communities like Swavesey celebrated the start of the agricultural year by bringing a plough into church to be blessed on the first Sunday after Epiphany.
The days after Christmas were a difficult time for agricultural labourers; the weather was often bad, farm work was scarce and money was short. Following the blessing, groups of farm workers would dress up and take the plough around the village, dancing and begging for money. In Swavesey, if you refused to give them a few pennies when they knocked on your door, the men would use the plough to pull out the foot scraper by your door! In other villages, they would plough up your front lawn!
This year, we are planning to reinstate this festival and to celebrate Plough Sunday at St Andrew's. We are planning to bless the plough, perform a couple of traditional plays, present some music and enjoy some suitable refreshments - but don't worry, no one will be demanding money with menaces!
Look out for posters around the village and information on social media nearer the date.

Dates for your 2020 diary

Snowdrop Open Garden 2020
Once again, we have been invited by Mr and Mrs Jeremy Newsum to enjoy the snowdrops in the gardens of Priory House. Look out for further information during January and February as the viewing will depend entirely upon the winter weather.

March 22nd 2020: Mothering Sunday - Tea à la Ritz
Keep the afternoon of Mothering Sunday free again next year for another wonderful afternoon tea.

The Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00am	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	11:00 am	Morning Worship
3rd Sunday of the month	8am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Holy Communion: Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 am	All Age Service
5th Sunday of the month	10:30am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion

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Revd. Simon Gill Email: simon@5folds.org.uk
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Team Administrator: Telephone: 01954 203459
Gillian Beal. (Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00)
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Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. See http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

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<tr><td>Army Cadet Force</td><td>Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Swavesey Spartans</td><td>Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17.
For information and enquiries please contact
Chairman - Gary Peet on 07976 359494
Secretary - Colin Baker on 07976 636771
Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 20497</td></tr>
<tr><td>1st Swavesey Scout Group</td><td>All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site
Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact: Marian Bentley Email: marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Janet Stones Email: janet.stones@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
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For any other Scouting issues Contact: Jim Burling
Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk</td></tr>
<tr><td>Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre</td><td>Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Swavesey Music School</td><td>Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. Only £3.00 per session. For further details see:
www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/</td></tr>
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Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Russell Fear on 01954 202846.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert Bond 01954 201645 RBL or robert.bond4@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre.The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams.Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
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Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	Located at Swavesey Village College. Swavesey Fenland Squash Club offers team, league and friendly squash matches and has clubnights, tournaments as well as racketball. For details contact Brian Chapman 07982 658614 Jamie Tuffee 07807 968768 Chris Ramsdale 07906 671340 Details of the club including contact details can be found at www.fenlandsquash.co.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095.Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Meet at Bethel Baptist Church, Middlewatch Swavesey CB24 4RP commencing at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated If you need a lift: PHONE: Trevor Grange - 01954 230119 or Pat Miles - 01954 780485 Guests Are Always Welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.00 to 9.00pm. From 1 April - 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Wednesdays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from s.taylor996@btinternet.com swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year.New members always welcome.Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey Speakers	Develop your public speaking skills at this Toastmasters International club. Guests welcome! 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Memorial Hall from 7pm to 9pm (occasional venue change). More details: www.swaveseyspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org or call/text Faye on 07908 443610.
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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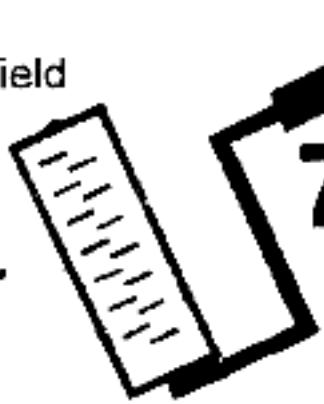

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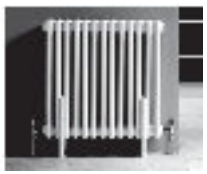

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